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Jackson Jubilee

Information fair open to post community

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
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Newcomers and seasoned members of the Fort Jackson community alike are invited to the installation's Jackson Jubilee, which is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m., Monday at the Solomon Center. The event will provide Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees the opportunity to learn about what services are available to them, both on- and off-post.

"Jackson Jubilee is an information fair for anybody who's interested in learning

more about what is available in Columbia, as well as on Fort Jackson," said Elizabeth Maher, Army Community Services outreach coordinator.

More than 50 commercial vendors will be on hand to offer information, product samples and door prizes. In addition, numerous Fort Jackson agencies will be present to introduce their services.

The vendors represented include restaurants; health, beauty and wellness providers; schools and colleges; financial institutions; and tourism venues. The grand door prize will be a three-day cruise for two

people.

Jessie Stevenson, commercial sponsorship and advertising sales program manager with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said the response from the greater Columbia community to participate in the event was tremendous.

"People have really been excited about this opportunity. We have various other events on post, but none ... like this one where we invite the entire community to come out," Stevenson said. "It's one of the

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Getting school ready



Photo by CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN

Dean Johnson and his daughter Blakely, 13, shop for school supplies at the Fort Jackson Exchange Tuesday. During the tax holiday this weekend, the Exchange will offer additional discounts on school-related items for its customers. See story, Page 4.

Tanner visit reinforces Army Values

Recently we had a visit from a very popular college coach who is a proven winner on and off the field. I'm referring to Ray Tanner, coach of the University of South Carolina baseball team, which has won the College World Series the past two years in a row.

Winning this prestigious title is tough enough the first time around, but to repeat as champions is a very difficult task, considering the quality of competition at this level and the fact that the tournament is a relatively small number of games. Tanner wasn't here to brag about his success, his team's accomplishments or anything like that.

If you have ever heard Tanner talk, you know that he is one of the most humble, unselfish and caring coaches in college baseball, or in any other sport for that matter. Tanner also heads up the Ray Tanner Foundation, a charitable enterprise that helps poor children and children with medical issues.

Tanner came to Fort Jackson to visit the Soldiers of the Warrior Transition Unit at Moncrief Army Community Hospital. He spent some time talking a little baseball, but also took some time to explain to them what's really important in his life.

Tanner relayed a story about a frightening experience that he and a team of U.S. ballplayers once had in Nicaragua, during a time period in which there was much unrest and instability in the Central American country. Tanner, who was coaching Team USA, remembered

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how confrontational and surreal a situation was getting for himself and his team during a game. The Nicaraguan fans were becoming rowdy and began yelling at his team, Tanner recalled. Meanwhile, machine gunners were standing on the dugouts in case the situation erupted and called for them to step in. Tanner said his team lost the game and he was glad it did.

Fortunately, the situation never got out of control. His team was later whisked away, escorted to a hotel, where it was sequestered until the players could leave the country safely. Tanner said that following this scare he made a pact with himself that every day is a good day.

"And every day when I wake up, it's going to be a beautiful day," he said. "There are going to be some choices to be made, and I am going to make some good choices." That's some pretty solid advice. There is no question that Soldiers can understand those thoughts

and appreciate them. I would venture a bet that many of our WTU Soldiers share similar feelings.

Regardless, the Soldiers enjoyed the visit, judging by their comments. They could definitely connect with the coach and his credo about life.

"It's never about him (Tanner)," one Soldier said. "It's never about what he has accomplished. It's about the bigger picture. You can relate to that as a Soldier, because when you go on a mission, it's not about you."

During the course of his visit, Tanner kept his hosts in awe, yet humbly conceded to them that they probably know much more about adversity, realism and perspective than he does. I am not sure about that. I think both the coach and the Soldiers know a good bit about loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Yes, I am referring to the character traits that we call our "Army Values." And, yes, both the coach and the Soldiers are tuned to the same frequency. Although they might not have recognized it, that fact did not escape the observation of MACH's deputy commander for nursing, Col. John Nerges, who summed it up this way:

"He (Tanner) talked about developing people, trust, and commitment to the organization. He talked about the Army Values in a different language. He called them different things, but they were the same as our values."

Why is it not surprising that the best mentors stress fundamentals and values?

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ACAP vital for transitioning Soldiers

The decision to transition out of uniform is as important as the initial decision to put it on. Soldiers deserve as much support at this critical point in their service as they do with earlier parts of their career. That is why the Army provides the Army Career and Alumni Program and is working to make ACAP even more effective.

ACAP delivers transition and job assistance services to Soldiers to support them in making informed career decisions. These services include pre-separation counseling, Veteran Affairs benefits briefings, and Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program workshops, which cover career planning, job searches, resume writing and interviewing.

ACAP services are available to separating and retiring Active Component Soldiers, demobilizing Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians affected by BRAC, reduction in force or Global Realignment.

In April 2010, the vice chief of staff of the Army directed a thorough review of ACAP, which included visits to ACAP centers and thousands of interviews with Soldiers and civilians.

The study found that while Soldiers are allowed to use ACAP services up to two years prior to retirement or one year prior to separation, they do not always have leadership support in doing more than the minimum required by law, which is attending the pre-separation briefing no later than 90 days prior to separation. However, just meeting the letter of the law is too little, too late. The more Soldiers are able to use ACAP services, the more successful their transitions.

Based on the study results and the vice chief of staff's guidance, over the next few months ACAP is implementing an enhanced 12-month transition program model focused on helping Soldiers develop an Indi-

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IMCOM Commanding General



vidual Transition Plan and put it into action. Under this choice-based, results-oriented model, Soldiers will have the opportunity to spend up to 60 to 70 hours accessing ACAP resources, including the pre-separation briefing, the two-and-a-half day Transition Assistance Program workshop, the four-hour VA briefing, and individual counseling sessions. The TAP workshop is also being updated, to incorporate development of the Individual Transition Plan.

The 12-month timeframe is designed to minimize conflict with unit mission requirements and enable Soldiers to take full advantage of ACAP resources. About four out of 10 eligible Soldiers who start ACAP decide to re-enlist or join the National Guard or Reserves, while others need to get a solid start preparing for the next phase of their careers, whether it is going to school, starting a new job or starting a business. New policy and guidance on the transition program will be issued in the first quarter of FY12.

The key to making ACAP as effective as possible is leader commitment. ACAP is a commander's program. Soldiers will take off the uniform at some point, whether through separation or retirement, and it is up to lead-

DHR announces CAC pilot program

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

The Directorate of Human Resources announced Fort Jackson's participation in an Army pilot program at Tuesday's installation town hall meeting at the Solomon Center.

As part of the program, 2,600 Army spouses and retirees will be issued Common Access Cards, similar to the ones issued to Soldiers, DA civilians and contractor.

"We have been selected as one of the five installations to be a test for this program," said Sharon Jackson, team supervisor for the ID card section with the Directorate of Human Resources. "This is a voluntary program. ... You will have to apply to be selected to this program. Once you apply and are selected, you will receive an email showing that you have been selected. You will get an appointment to come to Fort Jackson to receive your ID card, your card reader and an information packet."

The card will allow participants to use their home computers to log into AKO and other Army websites that are only accessible via CAC.

Interested spouses and retirees should apply on the AKO website. Participants

need to meet certain requirements.

"You can only have one CAC ID card," Jackson said. "If you have a CAC card in your possession at this time, you are ineligible to volunteer for this program."

That means that spouses and retirees who work on post and are issued a CAC are ineligible to participate. Volunteers also need to own a personal computer with Windows XP, Vista or 7 operating systems; have an active AKO email account; have Internet Explorer, version 7 or higher; have an open USB port on the computer; and have high-speed Internet service.

Jackson pointed out that the new cards will not show the cardholder's face and are not designed to replace current retiree and spouse identification cards that are used to access services on post.

"That card is not for the Commissary or the PX," she said. "That card is only for them to use on their home computer."

The program will begin in September and run through February.

During the town hall meeting, representatives from numerous organizations also presented information about the upcoming school year. For more back-to-school news, see next week's *Leader*.

The next installation town hall meeting is scheduled for February.

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Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Maj. Raymond Simons, Fort Jackson's director of emergency services and provost marshal, talks about traffic safety and school routes during Tuesday's installation town hall meeting at the Solomon Center.



Cultural education

Kuwaiti Army Maj. Barrack Alanezi presents a gift to 1st Sgt. Lash Bailey, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment July 28. Alanezi gave a presentation about his home country to the company's Soldiers to offer them a glimpse into Middle Eastern culture. Alanezi is an international student on Fort Jackson.

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Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ A new PIN/key access system has been installed on the RV lot gate, which will allow 24-hour access to users. For those who have items stored in the lot, visit the RCI Housing Office at 2441 Essayons Way 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to receive access instructions and obtain a PIN. During the transition period, an access key will remain at the MP desk to ensure all users have continued access. Call 751-9335/9339 for more information.
- ❑ Nominate any well-kept yards for Yard of the Month. Send nominations to Alana Youngblood at 738-8275 or email ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com. Self-nominations are also welcome.
- ❑ The sprinkler systems in housing are on timers and are monitored by the landscaping company. Please do not alter the times on sprinklers. If you have questions or concerns about the system, please contact the work order desk at 787-6416.
- ❑ Residents who would like to have a satellite installed must obtain an alterations request form from the Community Management Office and dig permit from the Directorate of Public Works in advance. Upon filling out the alterations request, the CMO will provide instructions where the satellite dish can be installed.
- ❑ Want \$100? Refer someone to move on post and receive \$100. Contact the Community Management Office at 738-8275 for details.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- ❑ To date, 428 homes have been completed.
- ❑ A total of 892 homes have been demolished to date.
- ❑ Families are currently relocating into homes along Mills Road. Families residing in this area may enter and exit via Capers and/or Owens roads.



Aug. 5 — 7 p.m.	
Bad Teacher	R
Aug. 6 — 4 p.m.	
Bad Teacher	R
Aug. 7 — 2 p.m.	
Cars 2	G
Aug. 8 — 2 p.m.	
Marmaduke	PG
Aug. 10 — 1 p.m.	
Cars 2	G
Aug. 10 — 4 p.m.	
Bad Teacher	R

Adults: \$4.50
Children (12 and younger): \$2.25
Visit www.aafes.com for listings.



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Traveon Tucker, 6, and his brother, Tijohn, explore the features on the iPad at the Fort Jackson Exchange Apple Store. Computers and computer equipment will be tax-free purchases in all South Carolina stores this weekend.

Tax holiday spells school savings

By CURSHA PIERCE-LUNDERMAN
Fort Jackson Leader

Summer is drawing to a close and South Carolina retailers are helping consumers prepare for the upcoming school year. Friday marks the beginning of the state’s tax-free weekend. From Friday through Sunday, shoppers can purchase clothing, accessories, footwear, school supplies, computers and computer equipment without paying the 6 percent sales tax that ordinarily applies.

Many stores are offering sales in addition to the tax-free benefits to offer greater savings for their customers. The Fort Jackson Exchange is no exception.

“Since everyday is a no tax day at

AAFES, we will reduce our back to school items again, saving you an extra 7 percent,” said Nancy Kessler, Main Exchange manager.

The weekend also serves as a reminder to parents that school days are quickly approaching. Esther Edwards, a Fort Jackson mother of four school-aged children, said she was completely surprised by the advertisements and school supplies lists.

“We’ve been so busy traveling and doing things this summer that I have not even had a chance to think about going back to school,” Edwards said. “With this being tax free weekend, I will definitely have to take advantage of some of the sales.”

For some buyers, discounts on computer equipment are a major highlight of tax free weekend. “I have one beginning middle school this year, and I’m pretty sure he will need some flash drives, so I will be looking for those on sale,” Edwards said.

Fort Jackson-area public schools have already posted school supply lists on their websites for those in doubt of required supplies. The information for Richland One schools is posted on <http://www.richlandone.org>, Richland Two schools information is on <http://www.richland2.org/>, and Lexington County Schools information can be found at <http://www.lexrich5.org>.

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News and Notes

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SET

An open house for C.C. Pinckney Elementary School is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m., Aug. 11 at the school. The open house will include parent introductions and classroom presentations. Teacher assignment packets will be issued in the lobby, and parents may bring school supplies to leave in the classroom. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school liaison and Child, Youth and School Services will also be on hand.

FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

The 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment is hosting a food drive 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday at the Commissary. All items will be donated to the Harvest Hope Food Bank. No monetary donations will be accepted.

POST SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS MEMBERS

The Fort Jackson School Board has three openings. Any adult living in military family housing is eligible to apply and run in the election. Parents of students enrolled in the Fort Jackson schools are eligible to vote. Nomination forms are available at the schools and should be turned into the school secretary. Applications will be accepted until noon, Aug. 19. The school board election is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 29 through Sept. 2 at each school.

LEGAL OFFICE RELOCATES

The Fort Jackson Legal office is now located at 2600 Lee Road, at the corner of Lee and Washington. Normal business hours for legal assistance are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is closed for federal and training holidays. Call 751-4287 for general information or to make an appointment.

FAMILY GAT TAKERS GET INCENTIVE

Family members who take the revised Family Global Assessment Tool can now receive a coupon for a free Subway sandwich. The coupon is valid for AAFES Subway locations through Aug. 31. Log into the GAT at <https://www/sft/army.mil/SFTFamily>. The 82-question survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Guard and Reserve families can sign up for the Exchange newsletter at <http://odin.aafes.com/newsletter/enewscoupon.htm> and receive 10 percent off an online AAFES purchase. The GAT is part of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program and is open to all family members registered in DEERS.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Summer registration for the 2011-2012 school year is 8 a.m. to noon, through Wednesday. Registration will resume 9 a.m., Aug. 16. Students registering that day will begin school the following day. For more information, call 787-6815 or 782-1772.

Event a one-stop shop for post

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most exciting things that I've had an opportunity to work on in a while."

Some of the Fort Jackson organizations represented include Child, Youth and School Services, Balfour Beatty Communities, ACS, family readiness groups, housing mayors, chapels and Victory Travel. Although the event is not a job fair, employment seekers will be able to receive information, both from the Employment Readiness Program and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Janice Parsons, a CPAC representative, said that among other information available, spouses can learn about noncompetitive appointment of eligible military spouses to competitive service positions.

Maier said a number of child-friendly attractions will also be available, such as bounce houses, face painting, visits from Captain MWR and Sammy the Patriotic Clown and the Directorate of Emergency Services'

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— **Jessie Stevenson**
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

smoke house, which demonstrates fire safety measures.

Eric Horner will provide musical entertainment for the event.

Although the Jackson Jubilee may be especially beneficial to people new to the area, Stevenson said all community members can benefit from attending.

“There are numerous businesses that are popping up all the time. Information changes all the time,” she said. “It's not only an opportunity to come out and get a door prize, it's an opportunity to become well-informed about all the

businesses ... that are available to you.”

She added that many of the vendors represented offer military discounts.

“They all cater to our military community, because they realize how important this community is to the outside,” she said. “My hope is that this event connects clients and businesses. Each party has the opportunity to exchange information. (This will) allow our Soldiers and families the opportunity to make informed decisions regarding the types and levels of services available to them.”

Maier said she hopes that in addition to providing information, the Jackson Jubilee will also be fun for all who participate.

“I think it's going to be a great event. We look forward to having people come out and enjoy all the activities we have,” she said. “I think it will be a good time for everybody.”

The Jackson Jubilee is free and open to all military ID card holders.

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Garrison meeting



Photo by KARA MOTOSICKY, Public Affairs Office

Col. James Love, garrison commander, speaks to garrison employees Tuesday during one of two town hall meetings. Love discussed IMCOM budget issues, as well as the revamped ICE program, where customers can provide feedback to on-post organizations. There is also a “Tell the Garrison Commander” link that allows comments to go straight to the garrison commander.

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Disabled veterans head to boot camp

Program helps vets become entrepreneurs

By **DONNA MILES**

American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON — Retired Army 1st Sgt. Renee Floyd wasn't about to let a disability stop her from realizing her dream of having her own business.

Applying 21 years of experience as an Army mechanic, she launched BRF Mobile Lube Service in Phenix City, Ala., in 2009 and began traveling to people's homes and businesses to provide convenient oil changes and maintenance services.

But her big break came last month, she said, when she attended the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities at Florida State University. The nine-day EBV crash course is part of a program designed to help participants get their businesses off the ground or enhance ventures they have started.

Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management in New York was the first to offer the program for veterans disabled as a result of their military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., launched its own program in 2008. Now, a consortium of seven universities around the United States participates, anxious to help disabled veterans make their dreams of entrepreneurship a reality.

Randy Blass, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who serves as director for the FSU program, said entrepreneurship offers the veterans something a regular job cannot.

Particularly for those struggling to deal with a separation from military service that they didn't initiate and often didn't want, Blass said entrepreneurship offers a new sense of identity.

"They are no longer that corporal or that sergeant or that captain. They are going through an identity transition, and to just get a job doesn't always address that



Courtesy photo

Retired Army 1st Sgt. Renee Floyd uses lessons from the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans With Disabilities at Florida State University to build her business, BRF Mobile Lube Services, in Phenix City, Ala.

psychological identity need," he said.

Entrepreneurship also holds allure to those who see it as a way to continue serving the country. "By being an entrepreneur, we are helping with the economic recovery," Blass said. "You are creating jobs. ... That message is not lost on someone who still wants to serve and is looking for some identity to latch onto."

Participants begin online training before arriving on campus for an intensive boot camp that Blass said keeps them engaged from sunup to long after sundown. Through classes and workshop sessions, they learn the nuts and bolts of running a business: how to write a business plan, raise capital and build a customer base.

The cost of the boot camp, including food, lodging and transportation, is picked up by participating universities with gifts from alumni, entrepreneurs, corporations and business leaders.

After the program, participants receive a full year of ongoing support and mentorship.

The training is demanding, and expectations of participants are high. "We don't coddle," Blass said. "We also don't dwell.

We don't even really talk about their disabilities."

Rather, the focus of the program is strictly on entrepreneurship. "We talk about business," Blass said. "We are going forward. We are not looking backward."

Floyd had made good headway in building her mobile lube business. She had put her bachelor of science degree in business administration from American Military University to work, formulating a strong business plan and marketing motto: "We change lives, one car at a time."

What she didn't initially recognize was that a fear of approaching authority figures had kept her from fully marketing the business. "It was holding me back from going to the corporations and small businesses and offering my services to them," she said.

But it took a professor at the FSU boot camp to help her realize and press through that fear, she said.

"After he hit me with that and made he think about it, I was able to resolve that issue right away," Floyd said. She immediately began pushing herself to single out and engage business leaders to promote

her business.

Another big takeaway from the boot camp was learning to rethink her approach to the business. "I realized that I had to come out of the technician role and into the management role to make it a success," she said.

The boot camp experience and follow-on mentoring already is making an impact on her bottom line.

"I'm seeing an increase in my business and new opportunities to expand it," she said. "I came back here (from the boot camp) on fire. And I am still implementing those things I learned from the school, and making them a permanent part of my daily business."

Now, Floyd calls herself "a walking kiosk" in extolling the value of the EBV program to other disabled veterans.

"The business or idea that you never thought you could own is only an EBV class away," she tells them, and "the business that you currently own is only an EBV class away from success that you could never have imagined."

Other graduates of the program share Floyd's enthusiasm.

Chris Cancialosi, a former Army National Guard aviator, started his own business, gothamCULTURE, shortly after returning from Iraq in 2005. But it was the EBV program, which he attended in 2009, that helped him realize the difference between being self-employed and being an entrepreneur.

"If you expect to grow, you have to focus on growing the business," he said, rather than trying to do it all solo. Now that he's hired a staff and delegates some of the company's support functions, Cancialosi is seeing his company grow by leaps and bounds.

"Being an entrepreneur means that I have the ability to control my destiny, to make a difference in the world in my own way," he said. "The only limits that are set for me as an entrepreneur are those that I set for myself. I am (now) able to create something in the world in my own vision."

Details about the program and how to apply are posted at <http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv/> with links to participating universities' websites.

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Volunteerism big part of NCO's life

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Unit

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187th Ordnance Battalion

Military occupational specialty

91B, Wheeled vehicle mechanic

Hometown

Sewickley, Penn.

Hobbies

Community service

Scouting is a part of life for Staff Sgt. Robert Brickner and his family. The Scoutmaster for Fort Jackson's troop, who has been involved with Boy Scouts since his childhood, said he sees volunteerism as a way to give back to others.

"I was only a Boy Scout for about a year and a half when I was younger," Brickner said. "But my son has been involved for the past 10 years. I want to give back to the Scouts now so they don't miss out on years of Scouting like I did."

Brickner's son is a 16-year-old Eagle Scout, his daughter is a 13-year-old Girl Scout, and his wife is a Boy Scout committee chairwoman.

"We are a Scouting family, everyone is involved in something. I just love to see the boys develop into young men," Brickner said. "We teach them how to camp, how to survive and give them mentorship they may not always get at school or anywhere else."

Brickner says that scouting at Fort Jackson has special benefits that are not found at most locations.

"We didn't have money to send everyone away to camp this year so we camped here on post. We experienced the rifle shooting merit badge here on the field training site, then we did some research on the Red Cockaded Woodpecker," Brickner said. "Military Police Investigations came in to do the fingerprinting merit badge for us. So we utilized lots of the resources we have here, which is something that a lot of the scout troops don't have the opportunities to do."

While in Army uniform, Brickner also deals with Soldiers in a field environment.

"Here at the FTX site I instruct the convoy operation lane for the Wheeled Vehicle Mechanics Course," Brickner said. "We take Soldiers out on a convoy lane where they encounter (Improvised Explosive Device) simulators, and they execute every-



Photo by JAMES ARROWOOD, command photographer

When he is not working, Staff Sgt. Robert Brickner spends his time volunteering with the Boy Scouts and the Fortress Coffeehouse ministry.

thing that they've learned in their school training."

Soldiers remain at the training site for three days and learn the specifics of performing mechanical skills in a field environment.

"They have a good time; occasionally there is a little bit of stress, but we teach them to learn from their stressful situations," Brickner said. "We also teach them to learn from their mistakes here and to realize what types of things can happen so they don't have issues out there in the real world at war."

Brickner's supervisor, Sgt. 1st Class Travis Beecher, said that Brickner's selfless service and loyalty add to their team and mission accomplishment at the 187th

Ordnance Battalion Training Site.

"He has a level head and helps bring all of us together to get things done," Beecher said. "He shows great loyalty and selfless service to the unit and the NCOs on his team. He does a lot for so many."

When Brickner is not with his Boy Scouts or his Soldiers in field training, he spends time volunteering at the Fortress Coffeehouse ministry in preparation for his next life goal.

"I am studying for a Masters of Divinity and originally planned to become a chaplain," Brickner said. "Now, I will probably retire in five years and then head off to wherever God leads."

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The NCO Creed



No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I

am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army."

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role.

All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

Boy Scouts host on-post summer camp

By MAJ. CINDI KING
S.C. National Guard

While many youths were sleeping, watching television or playing video games, members of Fort Jackson's Boy Scout Troop 89 embarked on a rigorous week of outdoor fun, leadership training and character building.

The adventures were part of the troop's outdoor camp, held earlier this summer and, for the first time, designed entirely around using the facilities and training areas on Fort Jackson.

"It was an outstanding week and we couldn't be more pleased with the support we received from the installation," said Staff Sgt. Robert Brickner, BSA Troop 89 Scoutmaster. "Everything worked out great, especially the logistics on post."

The Scouts' daily training schedule was centered on meeting requirements for specific merit badges, and included opportunities such as shooting an air soft gun on the rifle range, participating in the main post flag folding ceremony, getting a behind-the-scenes tour of the commissary and viewing Purple Martin and Red Cockaded Woodpecker nesting boxes.

Col. Ben McDonald, the assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 89 and an Army Reserve adviser, said the leaders knew the cost of sending their Scouts to outside



Photo by COL. BEN MCDONALD, Army Reserve adviser

A group of Boy Scouts from Fort Jackson's Troop 89, watches as a Soldier prepares the cannon in front of Post Headquarters as part of a weeklong summer camp. The troop participated in a number of on-post activities.

camps might be difficult for some families this year. They decided holding their own summer camp on Fort Jackson would be a great alternative.

"We have many officers and noncommissioned officers who were Scouts and

appreciate the important role Boy Scouts plays in developing leadership and character," McDonald said. "The opportunities on Fort Jackson are outstanding for merit badges, and we are very fortunate to have everything right here on this installation."

At least 30 merit badges were earned by the seven Scouts who participated. Some of the badges included Rifle, Cooking, Music, Environmental Science, Pioneering and First Aid.

Troop 89 has been a part of the Fort Jackson community for more than 20 years and is chartered by the Sergeant Major Association. The Troop is part of Indian Waters Council and open not only to military affiliated families, but alot civilians in the community.

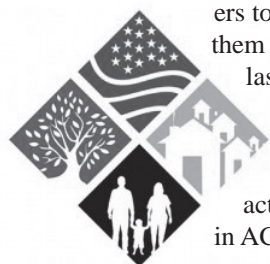
Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America's goal is to train young men in responsibility, citizenship, charter and self-reliance. The Department of Defense officially recognizes Scouting as an supportable organization and encourages the military to provide support as part of its community relations programs.

"As each Scout takes an oath to uphold values, we are proud to help provide our Scouts a good foundation and develop them as future leaders," said Brickner. "With everything from skits, music, cooking, hiking, and rank advancement, we certainly accomplished our goals during this year's summer camp."

Troop 89 meets weekly in the Scout Hut on Jenkins Road on post every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. New members and volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact Brickner at 751-6594.

Lynch: Equipping Soldiers with tools for leaving Army honors service, sacrifice

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ers to take care of them until the very last day. Taking care of Soldiers includes supporting their active participation in ACAP, and if a Soldier decides to separate, making sure no stigma is

attached to their decision.

It is smart business to support Soldiers' use of ACAP. In FY10, the Army spent more than \$500 million in unemployment compensation for veterans, a number expected to rise even higher in FY11. The

Army is looking to reduce that amount by better preparing Soldiers to enter the civilian workforce.

More to the point, it is the right thing to do to support Soldiers' transition planning. Transition is stressful under the best of circumstances, and right now Soldiers are facing a tough job market.

We have to equip our Soldiers to take the skills and values they learned in the Army and translate them into success in the next phase of their career.

When Soldiers take off the uniform, we want them to know they made the right choice for themselves, their careers, and their families when they put it on in the first place. It's the least we can do for their service and sacrifices.

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To schedule an appointment, call 751-4961/4966.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
The center is located at 5460 Jackson Blvd.,
(behind the Strom Thurmond Building).



River Raiders PT competition



Courtesy photo

Visiting cadets and the command group and officers of the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment complete a physical training session and competition at Weston Lake Friday. The session was part of the battalion's officer development program and the Cadet Leadership Training program. The competition consisted of kayaking, running, 200-pound skidco litter pulls and 100-pound water jug running events.

Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

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Article submissions are due two weeks before publication.
For example, an article for the Aug. 18 Leader must be submitted by today.
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Send your submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil.
For more information, call 751-7045.



Calendar

Today
Diabetes class
8 a.m. to noon, MACH, Room 8-85
To register, call 751-2115/2363/2272.

Friday
Cholesterol and high blood pressure class
10 to 11 a.m. to noon, MACH, Room 8-85
To register, call 751-2115/2363/2272.

Monday
Army Move!
2 to 4 p.m., MACH, Room 8-85
To register, call 751-2115/2363/2272.

Monday
Jackson Jubilee information expo
3 to 7 p.m., Solomon Center

Tuesday
Victory weight loss class
10 to 11 a.m., MACH, Room 8-85
To register, call 751-2115/2363/2272.

Wednesday
Retired Officers Wives Club welcome coffee
10 a.m., Officers' Club
Registration is not required.

Thursday, Aug. 11
Cholesterol and high blood pressure class
10 to 11 a.m. to noon, MACH, Room 8-85
To register, call 751-2115/2363/2272.

Housing events

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

Wednesdays
Kids craft corner
3 p.m.
RSVP by email to ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com or by calling 738-8275.

Fridays throughout August
Free popsicle Fridays
3 p.m.
Beat the heat with free popsicles every Friday in August.

Announcements

VOLUNTEENS NEEDED
The American Red Cross is in need of teen volunteers for the upcoming school year. The VolunTeens program is open to junior high and high school students. Application packets may be picked up from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 9810 Lee Road, Room 173. An orientation is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 30 at the Red Cross office. For more information, call 751-4329.

FREE COMIC BOOK
“The First Avenger,” a free, military-exclusive Captain America comic book is now available at the Main Exchange.

INCOME TAX COURSE

A free six-week income tax preparation course for service members, family members and DoD civilians is scheduled to start in mid-August. An information meeting is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m., Aug. 11 at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222. For more information and to register, call 751-4862 or email Barbara.Martin@us.army.mil.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Starting Sept. 1, Thrift Shop consignment tickets will feature two prices, the original price and a 25 percent discount price that goes into effect 30 days after the item is first put up for sale.

COMMISSARY GIFT CARDS

The Commissary offers \$25 and \$50 gift cards, which can be purchased at the store or online at www.commissaries.com.

AFAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Fort Jackson Army Family Action Plan conference scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4. Volunteers will assist with facilitating, recording, transcribing, etc. Free training, child care and meals will be provided. No experience is necessary. For more information, call 751-6315.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.

Community announcements may be edited to comply with Leader style and Public Affairs regulations.

Off-post events

The Fort Jackson Leader accepts only off-post announcements for those organizations or events that directly relate to service members and their families.

SUMMER DINNER DANCE

The Fort Jackson Victory Chapter of the Sergeants Major Association is hosting a summer dinner dance at 6 p.m., Aug. 13 at the Radisson Hotel. Tickets costs \$30. For more information, call 381-2939 or (815) 621-4180.

RESERVE OFFICER ASSOCIATION

The Reserve Officer Association, Department of South Carolina, Chapter Six has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m., today at Doc’s Barbeque on Shop Road. For more information, email Jeff.Vaughan@us.army.mil.

DAY CAMP FOR MILITARY KIDS

Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services will host a day camp for military children 4-5 years old or entering Kindergarten. The camp is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday at the Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands, 500 Grayc-ern St. For more information, call (404) 988-1678 or email Travis.McKinney@usar.army.mil.

Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil. For more information, call 751-7045.

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WINKLBAUER, William T.	COL	HUGES, Timothy S.	CPT	LEWIS, Christy E.	1LT
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ALEXANDER, Elizabeth L.	MAJ	KEY, Latrice S.	CPT	WASHINGTON, Nina L.	1LT
BEMIS, Bret M.	MAJ	LEE, Jessica R.	CPT	WILLIAMS, Carl W.	1LT
BUTLER, Timothy L.	MAJ	LOPEZ, Jose A.	CPT	CHILDS, William W.	MSG
DAVIS, Joseph H.	MAJ	LOVETT, Michael P.	CPT	GRIM, Luke A.	MSG
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Fort Jackson goes old school

FMWR concert set for Aug. 13

By **THERESA O'HAGAN**
Fort Jackson FMWR

CeCe Penniston, Special Ed, Dana Dane, Shannon and Chubb Rock will all come together, for one night only, at Fort Jackson and perform in a free Old School concert Aug. 13 at Hilton Field.

The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and the concert will start at 7 p.m. Special guests are performing artists Reyes, Latrice and Mr. Jones.

"Being a child of a military family, I recognize the unspoken selfless contributions they make. I am inspired to support, so I must act. Actions speak louder than words," said Shannon, who is best known for her hit song, "Let the Music Play," which sold more than 10 million copies worldwide and it is also her favorite song to perform.

Shannon's father served in the Navy, her grandfather served in the Air Force and her cousin in the Marine Corps.

Shannon has performed in Iraq, Kuwait and Baghdad, as well as in shows in the states produced by Old School promoter, author and Internet radio host, G. L. Henderson. Henderson is also a sergeant first class finishing a career that spans 25 years. He is currently assigned to the Columbia Recruiting Battalion.

"I'm doing the concert for the troops and their families. There has never been a collective group of legends in this type of music genre to come together to perform for the Soldiers. I knew that I could be the one to make it happen," Henderson said.

But, it wasn't easy. First, he had to find someone willing to believe in his vision and take a chance on him.

"Over the many years spent trying to get the individuals in charge of the entertainment budgets to believe in these types of shows, I met it by finally sitting down with Gary Taylor over at Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation here at Fort Jackson," Henderson explained. "He's very dedicated to bringing quality entertainment to the installation. He was very thorough with making sure that I would be able to deliver, what I said I could."

Taylor, special events coordinator for Family and MWR said, "I have to be cautious, especially working with someone I haven't met or worked with before. If an event is planned, and the promoter doesn't come through, people don't say, 'He messed it up,' they say we, Family and MWR, did a bad job. Henderson had good credentials and was very open and forthcoming. I am confident it will be a great show."

Getting acts for the concert was the



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class G.L. Henderson, a promoter, author and radio host, presents soul singer Shannon to the crowd during a recent concert. Shannon, known for the song, "Let the Music Play," is one of several performers slated to play in an Old School Concert Aug. 13 at Hilton Field.

easy part, said Henderson.

"I personally called each artist, and they responded with great desire to support not just this show, but any others that I may put on at any base across the world." In fact, there were so many artists willing to participate, Henderson actually had to turn them down. However, he is planning more shows at other installations.

It took Henderson more than four years to make it happen.

"There's a lot of T's that need to be crossed and I's that need to be dotted, when doing events on any military installation. Now, once all the technical things were complete, it literally was a matter of making a few hours of phone calls to confirm the acts and a few months to promote."

Although the concert is free to those attending, there are costs to bringing this type of entertainment to post.

"With any concert there are some expenses that can't be avoided," Henderson said. "All the artists did work with me, when it came to their fees, to help make this event possible. Some have even given up doing other higher paying gigs to do this show."

For performers like Shannon, the response of the audience is what makes it

worthwhile. When asked about her favorite part of performing for troops she said, "The love and appreciation the military gives me whenever I'm afforded the chance to entertain them."

The best thing, to her, about performing is, "Listening to the crowd, when they're reciting my songs and just having fun with the audiences."

Henderson has worked on bringing concerts to both the civilian market and the military, but bringing concerts to Soldiers, is his favorite.

"The civilian sector is about ticket sales, dollars and product promotions," Henderson said. "Working with the military is more fulfilling and rewarding not just for me, but for any of the artists that performs at my shows."

"We all feel a need to want to thank them for all their service to America. Being a Soldier myself, I know firsthand that with hard work and commitment to the nation how far some great entertainment can go."

As the date for the concert approaches, Henderson said he looking forward to "seeing the troops, the families, retirees and civilians enjoying themselves and listening to them sing along with these classic artists as they perform their hits."

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ☐ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.
- ☐ Sleepy Storytime at the **Post Library**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Come in pajamas and go home ready for bed.
- ☐ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.

FRIDAY

- ☐ Look what I can do, **Thomas Lee Hall Library**. Call 751-5589 for more information.
- ☐ Visit the **Officers' Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the seafood buffet.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 2 p.m.
- ☐ Friday Dollar Daze at **Century Lanes**, 6 p.m. Call 751-6138 for more information.
- ☐ Friday night special at **Ivy Lanes**. Games and shoe rentals cost \$2 each, 5 to 10 p.m. Open to all permanent party service members.
- ☐ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder's Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magruder's Club is located in the back of Magruder's Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Every other Friday, sing along to Linda's Carraoke Karaoke. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available, while they last.
- ☐ Every Friday is Artistic Expression with Jake at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.

SATURDAY

- ☐ Folly Beach day trip, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Transportation is \$10 per person. Call **Marion Street Station** at 751-3484 for more information.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 1 p.m.
- ☐ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.
- ☐ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

SUNDAY

- ☐ Try the new Sunday Bistro at the **Officers' Club**, which includes breakfast favorites and prime rib, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. First and third Sunday of the month. Special pricing starts at \$3.
- ☐ **Victory Bingo**, starts at 10 a.m.
- ☐ Every Sunday is Family Day at the **Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- ☐ **Magruder's Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers are available while they last.
- ☐ Victory Readers Club, 6 to 8 p.m., **Post Library**.
- ☐ **4-H Club** meets 4 to 5 p.m. For grades 1-5. Call 751-1136 for information.

Rank, badges can't guarantee heaven

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) HAROLD CLINE**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

We live in a culture that values confidence, resourcefulness, self-reliance and more than a little bit of bravado. You may think I am referring to American culture at large. I'm not. I am referring to the Army culture.

We see ourselves as the greatest land force on earth. We are the men and women who inherited a military culture that won our national independence, established this nation on this continent and beyond, freed the European continent twice, the second time in concert with operations in the Pacific theater.

We further defended the free world from the potential of communist takeover and have deposed numerous thugs and dictators around the globe. That is a great deal to puff up one's chest about. We live and work in an organization that makes little allowance for less than maximum effort. And that maximum effort defines us as Soldiers. The stuff I have outlined above amounts to our credentials. It's the stuff by which we define who we are.

How does that self-assessment square with the concept of a loving, almighty God who demands that we approach him in humility? Can a successful Soldier be humble? I mean really; can we expect ourselves to be humble knowing who we are and what we do?

Jesus of Nazareth once addressed his followers thusly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven." (Matthew 5:3 ESV) What did he mean?

I believe he meant that when it comes to spiritual credentials, we come to God knowing that we have none. We have no bragging rights. We come to God knowing that we need divine deliverance and intervention and we have no currency, no authority of our own, and no basis upon which to demand anything. We come to God armed with nothing but dependence upon him.

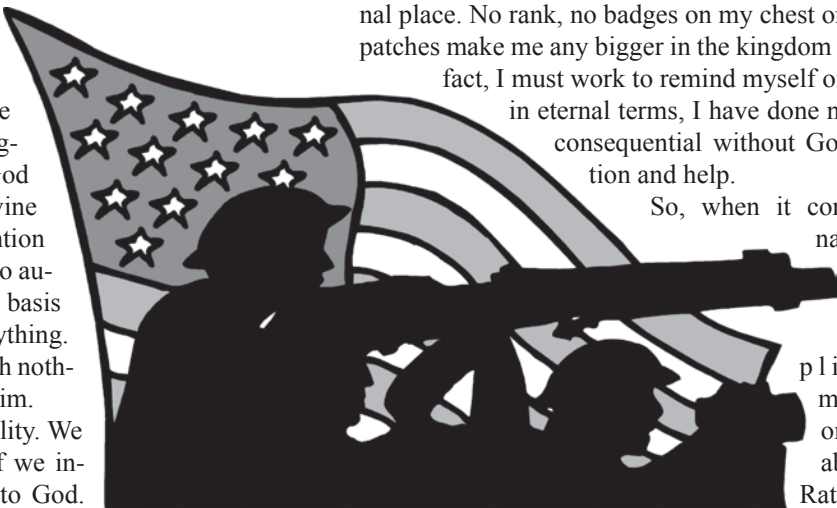
That is a stance of humility. We must assume that stance if we intend to be rightly related to God. It is really very different than what we teach ourselves about ourselves. If we think we can do anything on earth, it stands to reason that we probably think we somehow have the whole God thing figured out. This is exactly the wrong attitude in which to approach the almighty.

When I interface with God, I do so knowing that his initiative makes our fellowship possible. He is the creator and sustainer. He is the one true living God. He is my father in heaven. The kingdom of heaven is his, not mine for the taking.

From time to time, I have to remind myself of my eternal place. No rank, no badges on my chest or deployment patches make me any bigger in the kingdom of heaven. In fact, I must work to remind myself of the fact that in eternal terms, I have done nothing really consequential without God's intervention and help.

So, when it comes to eternal matters I don't rely on me, on my accomplishments, my aptitude or anything about me. Rather, I must realize that my credentials are miniscule compared to who God is and what God has done and will do. This is a sober realization for me.

But, it is liberating. I believe that you and I can be humble servants of God and be Soldiers in the defense of our national heritage. We just need to remember what we can't do. We can't win eternity on our own. It is only in the poverty of spirit that depends solely upon the sovereignty of the almighty that we can find God's kingdom and win eternity.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
9:30 a.m. Hispanic, Post Theater
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service, Daniel Circle Chapel
10:45 a.m. Sunday school, Main Post Chapel
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer service, Magruder Chapel

Protestant Bible Study

- Monday
7 p.m. Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Gospel prayer service, Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Bible study, Daniel Circle

- Chapel
7 p.m. LDS scripture study, Anderson Street Chapel
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast (PMOC), Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in the activity room)

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

- Sunday
5 to 6:30 p.m. Club Beyond youth group, Main Post Chapel
- Saturday
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel youth group, Dorn VA Hospital (first Saturday of each month)

CATHOLIC

- Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass, Main Post Chapel
- Sunday
9:30 a.m. CCD (September through May), Education Center
9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for adults (September through May), Main Post Chapel
9:30 a.m. Religious ed class for children (September through May), Main Post Chapel
10:30 a.m. Reconciliation (after Mass or by appointment), Main Post Chapel
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
12:30 a.m. Catholic youth ministry, Main Post Chapel
- 7 p.m. Women's scripture study, Main Post Chapel

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary, Main Post Chapel
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult inquiry (September through May), Main Post Chapel
- Friday
11:30 a.m. Ladies of the parish, Main Post Chapel (first Friday of each month)

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8 to 10 a.m. Islamic studies, Main Post Chapel
- Friday
1 to 2 p.m. Jumah services, Main Post Chapel

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Worship service, Memorial Chapel
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish book study, Post Conference Room

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday

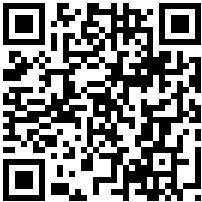
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- Thursday
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- Education Center**
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- Family Life Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave, corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Scales Ave., corner of Strom Thurmond Boulevard, 751-6469/6681
- McCrady Chapel (SCARNG)**
3820 McCrady Road (located at McCrady Training Center)
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Warrior Chapel (120th AG Bn.)**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086/7427
- Installation Chaplain's Office**
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Keep rules for contractor in the forefront

From the Legal Assistance Office

Contractors have an important role to play alongside the other members of our team working together to accomplish the mission. It is important to remember, however, that contractors and their employees are subject to different rules than the government's employees. Here are a few considerations to keep in mind if you have professional contact with contractors:

Rule 1: Recognize that contractors are competitors — maintain a level playing field

Be sensitive to whether a meeting, action or release of information would give a competitive advantage to a contractor. All similarly situated contractors should receive equal treatment.

Rule 2: Decline to meet with contractors regarding ongoing competitions

Decline meetings with competing contractors once a solicitation has been released. Avoid discussing or responding to questions on matters that are being litigated. When in doubt, contact the SJA office.

Rule 3: Avoid partiality or the appearance of endorsement

Do not give preferential treatment to any private party, including a contractor. Also, do not give VIP visitor treatment to contractor representatives who visit in that capacity or who intend to discuss contractor business.

Rule 4: Avoid private discussions with contractors

You should avoid private meetings or discussions with a contractor regarding its business and relationship with the Army. Make it your practice to have a staff member sit in on sessions with contractors and host multiple companies at once whenever possible.

Rule 5: Should you meet with a contractor, set an agenda

After agreeing to meet with a contractor, have the contractor identify the topic for discussion and whether there are any current contracts, competitions, or active proposals that the company has pending with the Army.

Rule 6: The primary purpose of a meeting is to receive

While it is alright to ask informational and clarifying questions during a briefing, avoid asking contractors to send follow-up information. The meeting should not be the basis for further action, and should not unintentionally solicit formal proposals. Use public

forums such as Industry Days to “push” information out to contractors on Army needs and requirements.

Rule 7: “Inside information”

Do not release “inside information” that is not otherwise available to the public (or relevant community of DoD contractors). Inside information includes:

❑ Selective release of advance procurement information, Army requirements or premature release of contract award decisions;

❑ Acquisition information, such as: unopened bids, ranking of bids, proposed costs, the Army's estimate of costs, source selection plans, price evaluations, proprietary information (such as labor rates), reports by source selection boards, and information marked as source selection sensitive;

❑ Information not available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act; and,

❑ Information protected under the Privacy Act, trade secrets, and classified material.

Rule 8: Gifts

Small gifts are occasionally offered in meetings with contractors. Food and refreshments that are not a meal (e.g., coffee and doughnuts) may be accepted. You may also accept presentation items, such as a commemorative coin, or items of a market value of \$20 or less (but not more than \$50 in total from any one source in a year). Consult your ethics counselor when something other than a nominal gift is offered.

Rule 9: Restricted contacts with former DoD officials/retired military officers

Former senior DoD civilian employees and retired general officers are prohibited from attempting to influence official actions in their former department or agency for one year after their departure. For two years after leaving government service, former government officials may not represent someone else to the government regarding “particular matters” (e.g., contract actions) that were pending under their responsibility during their last year of government service.

Former officers and employees are forever prohibited from representing someone in a particular matter that involved non-federal parties, and in which they were personally and substantially involved while working for the government. Federal officials who had authority to award contracts, make payments, set overhead rates and settle claims of more than \$10 million are prohibited

for a period of one year after the official action from working for the contractor who received the payment.

Rule 10: Letters, Star Notes or other statements addressing contractor performance

A DoD employee is prohibited from using his official position, title or authority to endorse any person, product, service or enterprise. This includes the use of official stationery and Star Notes. Additionally, it is DoD policy not to recognize contractors with honorary awards unless the contribution is substantially beyond that specified or implied by the terms of the contract and the recognition is clearly in the public interest — a very high standard.

If performance by contractor personnel is deemed to meet the DoD standard, then recognition of a nominal value (e.g., a letter of appreciation or a unique certificate) may be appropriate. Remember, too, that “commander's coins” purchased with appropriated funds may not be presented to contractors. Any such recognition should first be coordinated with the applicable contracting officer. Obtain legal counsel regarding the propriety of any recognition action involving a contractor. Prior coordination is required because the government must communicate clearly and with one voice to enforce contract performance.

Lines of communication between the government and industry must remain open in a way that does not undermine the integrity of the contracting process. By recognizing the limits discussed above, you may address matters of mutual interest with DoD contractors. In so doing, do not hesitate to seek the assistance of the Administrative Law office at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Fort Jackson Legal Office

The Fort Jackson Legal Office provides legal services — including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney — to service members, retirees and eligible family members.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney, call 751-4287. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The office is closed on federal and training holidays. The office is located at 2600 Lee Road.

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Maj. Raymond Simons

Director,
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III

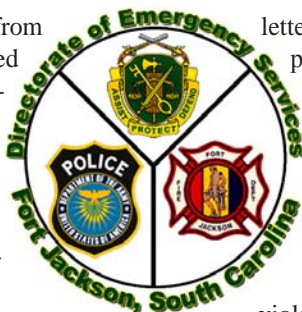
Provost Sergeant Major

Bill Forrester

Fire Chief

CASES OF THE WEEK

- ❑ Three civilians were issued permanent post bar



letters after two of them attempted to enter the post with invalid/false identification, Military Police said. The driver was issued a citation for transporting illegal immigrants and the two passengers were charged with illegal entry, MPs said. All three were escorted from the installation.

❑ A civilian was cited for two fishing violations after MPs responded to reports of a person fishing at Semmes Lake without consent, MPs said. The civilian was cited for exceeded the limit for game fish and for fishing without consent.

❑ A taxi driver was cited for failing to post rates in the back of the taxi, MPs said. All drivers are required to have rates properly posted.

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Army commits to providing vaccines

Immunizations not just for children

Special to the Leader

Army Medical Officials are encouraging all Soldiers and their families, Army civilians and military health care beneficiaries to learn the importance of immunization health during National Immunization Awareness Month in August.

“Army Medicine is committed to helping every Soldier, family member, Department of Army civilian, health care provider, retiree and pet get the vaccines they need to stay healthy,” said Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, U.S. Army surgeon general and commander, U.S. Army Medical Com-

mand.

Immunization is one of modern medicine’s most significant public health achievements yet, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tens of thousands of people in the U.S. still die from vaccine-preventable diseases every year.

Infection from vaccine-preventable disease can also be very costly, resulting in doctor and veterinarian visits, hospitalizations and premature deaths, while threatening Army readiness by impacting a Soldier’s ability to accomplish the mission.

Even though immunizations have reduced diseases to low levels in the United States,

many diseases are still common in

other parts of the world. Soldiers, civilians and contractors

getting ready to deploy

may require specific, additional immunizations depending

on the health risks where they are deploying.

Simply put, vaccines are the best defense against serious, preventable, and often deadly, diseases. Everyone is encouraged to work closely with their health care provider choose the best immunization strategy. A list of immunizations schedules

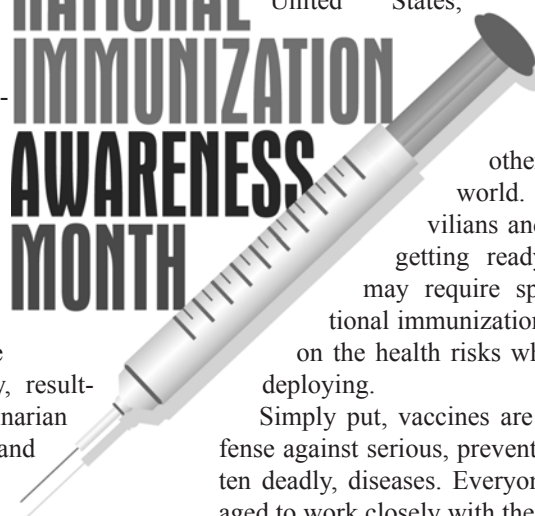
for children and adults is available on the CDC website, <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>.

Officials also urge everyone 6 months and older to get a flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available. For those in uniform, this is a must.

“The DoD requires all active-duty personnel to get vaccinated against influenza, and encourages all family members over the age of six months to protect themselves with vaccination as well,” said Lt. Col. Steven Cersovsky, a preventive medicine physician-epidemiologist at U.S. Army Public Health Command. “Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent flu or mitigate the symptoms if you do get flu.”

Editor's note: Fort Jackson's flu vaccination schedule will be released within the next few weeks.

**NATIONAL
IMMUNIZATION
AWARENESS
MONTH**



Q&A: Why is it important to receive vaccinations

Why might some adults need vaccines?

Some adults incorrectly assume that the vaccines they received as children will protect them for the rest of their lives. Generally this is true, except that:

❑ Some adults were never vaccinated as children

Newer vaccines were not available when some adults were children

❑ Immunity can fade over time

❑ As we age, we become more susceptible to serious disease caused by common infections (e.g., flu, pneumonia)

❑ Check with your health care provider to determine if you are up-to-date on adult vaccinations.

Haven't we gotten rid of most of these diseases in this country?

Thanks to vaccines, most diseases prevented by vaccines are no longer common in this country. However, the cases we have in the United States could very quickly become tens or hundreds of thousands of cases if we stopped vaccinating.

It's not uncommon to have measles outbreaks, whooping cough outbreaks, chickenpox outbreaks, and other diseases when vaccination rates drop. Kids that are not fully vaccinated can become seriously sick and spread it through a community.

Don't infants have natural immunity?

Babies get some temporary immu-

nity (protection) from the antibodies they get from their moms during the last few weeks of pregnancy — but only for the diseases mom is immune to. These antibodies do not last long, leaving the infant vulnerable to disease.

I heard that some vaccines can cause autism. Is this true?

No. Scientific studies and reviews have found no relationship between vaccines and autism.

Groups of experts, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Institute of Medicine,

also agree that vaccines are not responsible for the number of children now recognized to have autism.

Can't I just wait until my child goes to school to catch up on immunizations?

Vaccines given to infants protect them from dangerous diseases they are routinely exposed to prior to school age.

Don't wait to protect your baby and risk these diseases when he or she needs protection now. Newborns, babies, and toddlers can all be exposed to diseases from parents and other adults, brothers and sisters, on a plane, at child care, or even at the grocery store.

International travel is easier than ever — your baby can be exposed to diseases from other countries without you knowing.

I I hear this statement often when it comes to exercising. I also hear some regular exercisers brag because they don't break a sweat.

With my new-found acceptance of sweating, I began to notice that my body felt cooler even though I was sweating. I also noticed that my performance during exercising felt more doable. My strength and cardio output were both working in my favor. In a way, I was gaining strength and energy even though I was sweating like crazy (and I do mean crazy)! So, what is it about sweating? I decided to do a bit of research and shed some light on this pretty important component and bodily function.

Sweating is how we regulate our body temperature. When your temperature rises from exercising, illness, or just from being nervous, your body sends out a signal that it needs to cool down. The end results in our sweat glands coming to the rescue and making us break a sweat. Next, sweating should also be viewed as a cleanser. This is how unwanted toxins are excreted from the body. Because you are producing adequate sweat, your liver and kidneys will not have to work as hard at removing waste and toxins

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When you sweat during exercise, it is a sign of an efficient cooler. Exercisers who have adapted to keep their core cool during exercise will shunt blood to the skin's surface more quickly and release heat from the body. This allows blood in the artery to have direct access to a vein.

These connections allow for sudden and major diversions of blood volume according to the physical needs of the body. At the same time, the sweat glands increase their output, which cools the body during sweat evaporation. When you are exercising, even though you are sweating, you lose less sodium because more of it is reabsorbed by the body. So the end results are a cooler system and healthier blood flow.

Another reason people shy away from sweating is the obvious. The smell! No one wants others to smell their sweaty bodies. No one wants to smell themselves for that matter. But, it is important to note that sweat is odorless.

1. Clean the bacteria that lives on the surface of our skin by using a good antibacterial soap.

2. Take showers instead of baths. In a bath, you just soak in your own skin bacteria. In a shower you are always rinsing it away.

3. If you drink too much alcohol, smoke or eat strong smelling foods, like garlic, your sweat will smell worse.

When it comes to weight loss, I have seen people using saunas to sweat to make that scale go down. What many fail to remember is that even though you are losing water weight from the sweating, the moment you replenish with water you put it right back on. But, weight loss and sweating do work together during exercise. For starters, you are sweating; this is still considered water weight.

However, what changes things are that the exercises you are doing to produce the sweat are burning calories while your body temperature is busy trying to cool itself down by producing sweat. So, that process burns additional calories. This is real weight loss. It is not just a process of replenishing water loss like when you use saunas or those sweat suits (not recommended).

Our bodies are designed to run as efficiently as possible and sweating is one of those functions it is designed to do. The next time you are exercising or working in the yard and you begin to break a sweat just remember that you are doing your body some good. That release of water is your personal air conditioner, calorie burner and toxin cleanser all in one.

Sports shorts

Registration for Child, Youth and School Services Youth Sports runs through Aug. 31. Sports offerings are cheerleading, flag football, tackle football and soccer. Cheerleading is for ages 3-13 and has a \$40 fee. Soccer is for ages 3-18 and has a \$40 fee. Flag football is for ages 6-13 and has a \$40 fee.

Tackle football is for ages 7-13 and has a \$65 fee. Tackle football is divided into both age and weight groups: 7-8 with a maximum weight of 100 pounds; 9-10 with a maximum weight of 130 pounds; and 11-13 with a maximum weight of 160 pounds. Practice begins the week of Aug. 22. All games are played on Sunday afternoons. The first game is Sept. 25.

Active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who are competitive on the national and international levels in any Olympic sport can apply for the Army World Class Athlete Program. The program allows Soldiers to train full time for a shot at the Olympics and World Championships. All applicants must be eligible to represent the United States in international competitions. Officers must be branch-qualified and enlisted Soldiers must be military occupational specialty-qualified. They must also demonstrate the potential to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team or U.S. Paralympic Team. Selection standards for each sport are listed at www.armymwr.com under Sports and World Class Athlete Program.

Golf league standings

Intramural		2-13th	0
1-61st	808.5		
120th #1	796.0		
3-34th	751.0	Recreational	
1-34th	735.5	That's Good	634.0
2-39th	722.0	Old School	661.0
120th #2	671.0	TFM #2	635.5
MACH	606.0	DPW	595.5
TFM	518.0	Sandbaggers	595.5
165th	496.0	USASSI	472.5
4-10th	471.0	FMS	370.5
3-60th	363.5	Heavy Hitters	338.5
187th	340.5	Those Guys	297.0
		Standings as of Tuesday	